

Certificates for Intrastate Operations

In many instances, a certificate is required to be in the transportation business where passengers or property will be transported by motor vehicle for compensation from one point in Alabama to another point in Alabama. The Legal Division of the staff should be contacted at 334-242-5200 concerning exemptions from these requirements and the process to get the type of certificate desired. Generally, the requirements are as follows:

GENERAL FREIGHT: To transport property generally, except household goods, we must have forms E and H from the insurance company and an application with the attachments and a \$100 filing fee from the applicant.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: To transport household goods (property from one residence to another) we must receive forms E and H from the insurance company; an application with the attachments and a \$100 filing fee from the applicant; and a tariff from the applicant or the applicant's agent.

CHARTER BUS: To transport passengers in charter bus service (30 plus passengers per vehicle and one charge for the group), we must have a form E from the insurance company and an application with the attachments and a \$100 filing fee from the applicant.

OTHER PASSENGER: In most cases to transport passengers not in charter bus service, the applicant must submit the application with attachments and \$100 filing fee, then present sufficient evidence at a hearing. The hearing may be contested. If the application is granted, then we must receive the form E filing from the insurance company and the tariff from the applicant or its agent.

In all cases, carriers must comply with Commission rules, which include requirements for a safety program, lettering of vehicles and annual reports, among other things. Unless an operation is exempt, the law prohibits operations without a certificate issued by the Commission; submission of insurance filings and/or an application will not meet the requirements of the law or prevent enforcement actions (citations and fines).